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BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

\$ 10,000+ Added Prize Money

December 2–6, 2026

Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! by Marriott

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Results from the Master and Intermediate categories of this championship will count toward Gammon Slam 2026 Annual Backgammon Tour Rankings.

For details, visit gammonslam.com



PROGRAMME

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

- All day Registrations & Qualifiers at Protea Hotel Fire & Ice
- 13:00 Start of continuous entry side categories (Speedgammon, DMP Challenge & Mini Jackpots)
- 19:00 Dinner break
- 20:30 Closing of Main Flight registrations, side actions resume
- 21:30 Welcome Speech and Calcutta Auction
- 22:00 Public draw for Main Flights (Master & Intermediate)

DAY 2: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

- 13:00 Start of Undefeated Bracket (Master & Intermediate)
- 19:00 Dinner break
- 20:30 Start of Second Chance Bracket (Master & Intermediate)

DAY 3: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

- 13:00 All categories resume
- 19:00 Dinner break
- 20:30 Gameplay resumes
- 21:00 Start of Doubles Consultation

DAY 4: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

- 13:00 All categories resume
- 15:00 Start of Super & Limited Jackpots
- 19:00 Dinner break
- 20:30 Gameplay resumes
- 21:00 Calcutta Auction for the South African Special
- 22:00 Public draw for SA Special

DAY 5: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- 09:30 Start of South African Special
- 12:00 Start of Last Chance Bracket (Master & Intermediate), all categories resume
- 14:00 Main Grand Finals
- 16:00 Closing of Mini Jackpots
- 21:00 Awarding Ceremony

* Organizers reserve the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the notice board.

IMPORTANT NOTES



WBGF Tournament Rules set will be the main guideline of the rules applied and any additional rules will be posted on the notice board prior to the start of the whole event.

Players who have recent Intermediate winner titles, or a BMAB ranking of "M" or better, or a recognized PR of 6,5 or below are NOT allowed to participate in Intermediate flight & Limited JP in principle, to be checked with the Tournament Director during registration phase. If a player who cashes in Intermediate or Limited JP is noticed as meeting one of these criteria, 30% of official prize is cut and distributed as a compensation to his&her opponents.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.

The draw is manual (not computerized), public and random.

Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.

Only cash payments are accepted at the event venue. To pay by bank transfer or any other electronical payment tool in advance, please contact info@africaopenbg.com.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by Africa Open Backgammon invitation only.

Dice service is provided by organization.

Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result with penalty points being assigned.

The daily break for dinner is between 19:00 and 20:30.

Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to request from any participant showing flu like symptoms to wear a mask at all times inside playing hall.

The tournament will be played on professional Tournament Boards. Our boards are regularly cleaned and disinfected.

All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

CATEGORY FEES

CATEGORY	ENTRY FEES (USD)	REGISTRATION FEES (USD)
Master	400	100
Intermediate	200	50
Super Jackpot	450	50
Limited Jackpot	170	30
Doubles Consultation (per team)	240	60
Speedgammon	40	10
South African Special	20	5
DMP Challenge (2 lives)	16	4

* 100% of entry fees will be added into the prize pool

Registration fees include: - Awarding Ceremony presentation
- Special design trophies for prize winners

MATCH LENGTHS

CATEGORY		MATCH LENGTH
Master	Undefeated	13 pts (Semi & Final 15)
	2nd Chance	9 pts (Semi & Final 11)
	Grand Final	17 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7)
Intermediate	Undefeated	11 pts (Semi & Final 13)
	2nd Chance	7 pts (Semi & Final 9)
	Grand Final	15 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7)
Doubles Consultation		7 pts (Final 9)
Super Jackpot		11 pts (incl. Final)
Limited Jackpot		9 pts (incl. Final)
Speedgammon		5 pts (incl. Final)
South African Special		5 pts (Final 7)
DMP Challenge		1 pt (incl. Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, organisers will donate a minimum added value of 10,000 USD into the prize pool including the Gammon Slam contribution mentioned below & the remainder sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTER CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Share: 55%)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	40
Main Finalist	18
Main 3rd	9
Main 4th & 5th	4,5 each
Main 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th	2 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists Bonus	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5
Last Chance Finalist	2
INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Share: 20%)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	44
Main Finalist	20
Main 3rd	10
Main 4th & 5th	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist	2,5
DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES * (Total Added Value Share: 25%)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner Team	50
Finalist Team	25
Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

A share of 2,400 USD from the championship's added money prize will be contributed to the Gammon Slam 2026 fund. For prize details of GS 2026, visit www.gammonslam.com

* Percentages might be revised depending on the number of participants.

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

We are pleased to partner with Protea Hotel Fire and Ice by Marriot, our venue, to offer an affordable selection of rooms on special discount for players and their families.

Further details to be communicated on our website closer to the time.



ABOUT DESTINATION & ROUTE

Escape the winter! December is peak summer in Cape Town. While Europe freezes, we are enjoying 27°C / 80°F days, pristine beaches and outdoor dining.

Between world-class vineyards, blue-flag beaches, Table Mountain National Park and award-winning food, Cape Town has something for everyone.

With direct flights from London, Istanbul, Dubai, Atlanta, New York and Washington D.C. and an airport just 20 minutes from the city, Cape Town is very accessible and a hugely popular destination - time for you to see it for yourself!

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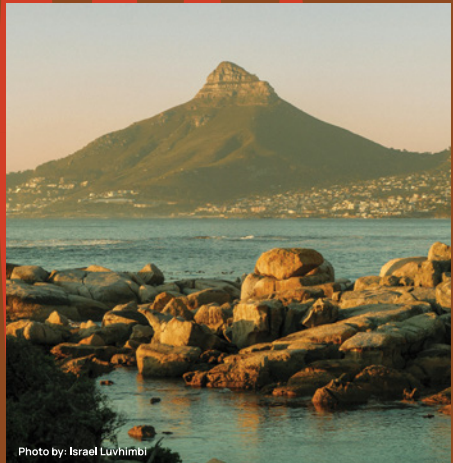


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